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EDUCATION IN HAWAII.

Whenever teachers get together we hear about the good which is being done in these islands by uplifting the inferior races through association with better ones in the democracy of the common school; but nothing is ever said about the injury done to civilized white children by bringing them up in a school system where the inferior races, always in the majority, are made their daily companions.

When twenty-five white children go to school with seventy-five Chinese, Japanese and Polynesian children—not to go further in the race classification—two things happen: The inferior breeds are improved and uplifted by association with the whites but the whites are brought to a lower level by association with their inferiors. There is a general averaging by which the lower class rises and the upper class falls. Now the question is: Is it desirable that the upper class should fall? Does not the country need to cultivate the best there is in its rising white generation, which is the only generation likely to stay here? In course of time the Asiatics will die off or return home; the Polynesians are a disappearing race; upon the shoulders of the whites will rest the burdens of Hawaii's future. Is it wise to endow the whites with inferior traits for the sake of giving an alien and transient population the benefit of better ones?

We should like to hear a full and candid discussion of the school question in Hawaii. What one generally hears is the stereotyped talk, the ritual of fetish worship. Certain things are agreed upon without thought; are inherited from conditions widely different from these; are spoken of as matters of course. But "new occasions teach new duties" and "time makes ancient good uncouth." Is it not wise to set aside old formulas and beliefs and find out, in the school system as in other things, what methods promise the best for Hawaii?

By educating Asiatics have we not deprived the country of a certain amount of needed labor for the sake of fitting a yellow race for business and mechanical competition with white men on this soil? Does it pay?

By giving the native a taste of the Pterian spring—that "little knowledge" which wise men hold dangerous—have we helped him and helped the country? Is he a better citizen; is he likely to be a better citizen? Under other circumstances would he not have realized his destiny as a contented laborer? Does he not use such education as he is qualified to absorb for his own harm and the disadvantage of the Territory? Can he assimilate enough knowledge to give him an equal chance with the white man or as useful a purpose in life? Is he able to get wisdom out of it all?

Here are some things worth discussing by the experts of the Summer School. There is much to be said on both sides. Why not say it?

INSANE ASYLUM SITE.

The removal of the insane asylum from its present site has long been advocated chiefly on the ground that the country about it is building up and that it is best to keep insane people in some place where they are not likely to be disturbed by busy neighbors.

High ground mauka of the present asylum and belonging to the government has been well thought of. Salubrious, out-of-the-way, affording a soothing view and not good for much else, this upland site has had the preference for an asylum tract of many citizens. Whether leases are in the way of its immediate use we do not know.

As to the acreage next to Allan Herbert's place at Kalihi—the property lately acquired by the Young Hotel—there are both advantages and objections. The locality is healthful, save for the makai hog ranches, the soil is fertile and the site is covered with trees. But the nearness of the Achi tract and its growing population must be thought of. Before many years have passed the asylum, if built there, may be hemmed in by a busy settlement, and who knows how soon Honolulu's harbor will have to take in Kalihi bay, upon which the proposed asylum tract fronts?

Finally all this Kalihi land is adapted to a class of agriculture which the government ought to encourage. Prisons and asylums should not occupy tillable soil in a country where every acre of it counts; especially when the government owns plenty of land, endowed with good building sites, which is not wanted for the purposes of farming and is quite accessible and convenient for public purposes.

It takes less time to send a message by cable from Honolulu around the world than it does to send one by telephone from Fort street to Waikiki.

THE PRICE OF AUTOS.

The question raised in the World's Work, "Can I Afford to Own an Automobile?" is one that any man of moderate but assured means may answer affirmatively if he is given time to wait until the price of automobiles becomes normal.

New things have a special price on their newness. In the early seventies a breech-loading shotgun of the best make cost \$250. Years ago the price fell to \$75 and \$50. A thoroughly good double-barreled breech-loading shotgun can be had now for \$35 and a fair one for \$12.

Seven years ago a good bicycle cost \$100. Fourteen years ago a Columbia stood at \$150. Today a fair bicycle can be had for \$25 and a first-rate one for \$50.

In 1870 a sewing machine sold for \$150. A better one can be bought today for \$60.

In 1875 a silver watch, Elgin or Waltham movement, cost \$30. In 1903, and for many years past, a good, serviceable Elgin or Waltham watch with silver or gold-plated case, has been bought for but little more than half that sum.

Parlor organs, books, pianos, carriages, cameras, all sorts of machinery, have had their early day of steep prices and their latter day of normal prices. It will be the same way with automobiles. We shall expect to see, within five years, the market price of autos fall below the average market price of a "rig," ready to drive. Then steam carriages will be within reach of tens of thousands who cannot get at them now.

GRAMMAR VS. NATIONALITY.

An Englishman, writing to the Advertiser notes that the usage of this paper is to speak of the United States in the singular. "Why," he asks, "should you say 'the United States is,' when the authority of the grammarians is on the side of the phrase 'the United States are'?"

The purist would, if governed by the English grammar alone, choose the plural form, thus following the usage of the authors of the Federal Constitution. But as was pointed out by John W. Foster, not long ago, all American authorities on international law use the singular form, such as has been employed since the Civil War by those who insist that the United States should be described as a nation—a single entity—and not as a confederacy, or a plurality of States. It is a case where politics has amended grammar.

The troubles of the wireless service in these islands are not, as many think, due to mismanagement—at least not preferentially. Marconi's whole system is in straits; it is not living up to its prospectus and interest in it among the world's governments is lapsing. To be sure it sometimes does well—but so do carrier pigeons. What is wanted and needed, is a service that is dependable, that will not respond to every caprice of the atmosphere. This has never been obtained through Marconi elsewhere any more than here.

RECREATION.

[The Official and Commercial Record.]

During the summer days, when the heat shimmers on the horizon and the head is dull in the morning, it is well for business men to remember that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Almost any man will admit that a little vacation now and then is a good thing, but very few ever act as though they believed it.

A stock impression is that Honolulu business men take life in an easy, tropical fashion. This impression has been created by the writers of books on Hawaii who get their knowledge of the subject through a few weeks jollion on the hotel verandas, a surf ride at Waikiki, a trip to Waialua on the railroad, a ride to the volcano and attendance upon a luau, an evening dance and a Saturday afternoon at Moanalua.

Being here for a few weeks only, an effort is made to give strangers a good time and show them all the lions. Consequently they see only one side of life and describe what they see. Hearing and knowing nothing of the hard grind of local life they conclude that if it does not exist.

So far from this being a dolce far niente community, the business portion of it works under high pressure, too high for their own best good. Be that as it may, the spirit of the age compels high pressure methods, if a business man is going to keep in the swim. But high pressure methods which are successful in New York and Chicago cannot be copied literally in Honolulu without disaster to the Honolulu copier. The former have the exhilarating winter to tone up the system, which the latter lacks.

The business man of Honolulu can do as much as the business man of New York, but he must do it in a different way. He must stop it often, take more open air exercise, take more vacations. It may be laid down as an axiom that no Honolulu office worker should take less than two weeks vacation during each year—longer if possible—but at least that long, besides Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

It may be laid down as an axiom that a man who has such a rest will do more work during the remainder of the year than he will if he works all the time.

The Record's advice to every Honolulu business man is—take a vacation yourself and give every one of your clerks a vacation; and let the clerk's pay go on during the vacation. Some of them cannot afford to rest if the pay is stopped. You will more than get the money back by the increased efficiency of the clerk afterwards. A boy that is bent all the time loses its spring. Now is the best time to lay out a schedule and allow them to go by turns, so that the routine will not be interfered with, because business is dull at this season anyway and the climate calls for a change more than does the more bracing winter and spring.

HAWAIIAN GUN CLUB TO ORGANIZE

The Honolulu Gun Club will meet at the Hawaiian Hotel this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing and electing officers. Great interest has been shown in this new sporting organization, and already over eighty names have been secured for the membership roll. Jess Woods of Whitman & Co. and Jas. E. Fullerton are the promoters and have done good work in getting the organization started. In order that there may be no delay, once the club is organized, five traps and several thousand clay pigeons have been ordered from the coast.

Following is the list of the members who have already joined: Jas. E. Fullerton, Chas. H. Merriman, G. H. Angus, E. A. McInerney, H. P. Roth, Harry W. Whitney, H. E. Graves, F. W. MacFarlane, Jr., H. E. Packer, Joe Klein, Chas. Chillingworth, H. P. Droyer, Prince J. Kalaniana'ole, R. W. Shingle, W. M. Cunningham, G. Schuman, C. L. Crabbe, Sam. G. Wilder, Gerrit P. Wilder, Paul R. Isenberg, M. T. Lyons, E. W. Quinn, A. A. Dunn, J. M. Levy, F. L. Dorch, W. S. Noblitt, F. J. Gross, F. E. Greenfield, R. D. Mead, H. C. Vida, Geo. Ward, F. M. Stewart, T. King, M. H. Drummond, W. F. Drake, G. E. H. Baker, J. Lind, W. M. Frake, Robt. B. Booth, Frank L. Hatch, Wm. F. Damon, J. Markham, S. F. Chillingworth, H. E. Walker, Fred Harrison, C. B. Wilson, Henry Birkmyer, W. Mutch, Walter E. Hall, W. L. Stanley, F. E. Thompson, W. L. Emory, J. H. Wise, E. A. C. Long, C. V. Sturtevant, D. L. Austin, F. C. Handy, J. L. Woods, R. Ivers, J. W. Harvey, K. B. Porter, A. R. Rowat, I. C. Fitzgerald, O. E. Wall, F. B. Damon, W. H. Gallagher, J. G. Dassel, A. R. Cunha, H. W. Willis, R. H. Chamberlain, H. D. Couzens, C. S. Holloway, H. A. Juen, Jas. H. Boyd, E. T. Winant.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Recorded June 29.

J J Andrade & wf to J Da Silva; D: Lot 5 Map 18 Patent 4252, Aahualea Homesteads; Lot 4 Map 2 Patent 3699, Aahualea, Hamakua, Hawaii; \$1,500. B 250, p 87. Dated June 29, 1903.

Wat Ging & wf to Fong Tung Chin; D: Various lands & fish pond, Waialua, Ewa, Oahu; \$1 etc. B 249, p 274. Dated June 27, 1903.

Recorded June 30.

Malle Kapuakela to Hookano (k); D: pe land, Nanue, N Hilo, Hawaii; \$85. B 249, p 277. Dated Jan 18, 1899.

Kelikanakaole & hsb to Malle Kapuakela; D: 374 A in R P 7707 Nanue, N Hilo, Hawaii; \$80. B 249, p 278. Dated Jan 18, 1899.

P Muhlendorf Tr to C A Peterson; D: Lots 28 & 29 Bk 1, Kapiolani Park add, Honolulu, Oahu; \$1,000. B 249, p 280. Dated June 27, 1903.

A de Giar & wf to J de Matta; D: 2 A in Lot 32 Map 5 of Patent 4228, Paualo Homesteads, Hamakua, Hawaii; \$30. B 249, p 282. Dated June 25, 1903.

S Fowler to J Sheehan; D: Lot 28 of R P 302 Pacific Heights, Honolulu, Oahu; \$400. B 249, p 283. Dated June 30, 1903.

Tr of Oahu College to R J Pratt; D: Lot 8 Bk 6 College Hills, Honolulu, Oahu; \$1,200. B 249, p 284. Dated June 18, 1903.

Trs of Oahu College to Florence French; Ex D: Lot 4 Bk 6 College Hills, Honolulu, Oahu; \$1 etc. B 249, p 286. Dated June 29, 1903.

Florence French & hsb to Trs of Oahu College; Ex D: Lot 1 Bk 5, College Hills, Honolulu, Oahu; \$1 etc. B 249, p 288. Dated June 29, 1903.

Trs of Oahu College to F. Barwick; Ex D: Lot 1 Bk 5, College Hills, Honolulu, Oahu; \$1 etc. B 249, p 289. Dated June 30, 1903.

F Barwick & wf to Trs. of College; Ex D: Lot 7 Bk 5, College Hills, Honolulu, Oahu; \$1 etc. B 249, p 289. Dated June 30, 1903.

Recorded July 1.

C B Reynolds & wf to Geo F Davies; D: pc land Germain St, Honolulu, Oahu; \$13,000. B 249, p 292. Dated June 29, 1903.

Wong Shiu King & wf to T Y Soong; D: 1 share in Lot 2 of R P 1985 & bldgs Kamakela, Honolulu, Oahu; \$300. B 249, p 293. Dated June 29, 1903.

F Dalton to L Richey; D: por R P 5667 Kameleoa Road, Honolulu, Oahu; \$300. B 249, p 294. Dated May 16, 1903.

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